

1 DELEGATE BYRNES: Delegate James, you  
2 lay great stress on debate. Isn't it true over the past  
3 so many years in your experience that very very infrequently  
4 a committee report or a committee recommendation is over-  
5 turned by either house, and would you think that this  
6 history would be altered by your suggestion?

7 DELEGATE JAMES: Well, I think my suggestion  
8 hits at both areas. I think it improves the committee  
9 structure, which is very basic, but I think that with any  
10 system which minimizes the opportunity of discussion  
11 and full debate on the floor it is not sound, and I think we  
12 certainly should recognize, unless we are going to suc-  
13 cumb completely to committee rule, ~~that~~ freedom of debate  
14 and full discussion on the floor is an important element  
15 of a legislative body. If you just throw up your hands  
16 and say the committees are going to do it all, I think  
17 you have lost something in a legislative body.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further questions?

19 Delegate L. Taylor.

20 DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Senator James, in your  
21 Minority Report it is stated that California passed progressive